

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR WASHINGTON

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Honorable Cedric Black Eagle Chairman, Crow Tribe P.O. Box 159 Bacheeitche Avenue Crow Agency, Montana 59022

Dear Chairman Black Eagle:

I am very pleased to inform you that your request for \$500,000 under the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act for Tribal Compact Administration was approved and the funds were transferred to the Crow Tribe on July 8, 2011.

At the same time, the entire \$4.9 million of early funding provided in the Settlement was transferred to the Department of the Interior's (Department) Office of Special Trustee, and is available for future disbursements to the Tribe. The Office of Management and Budget and the U.S. Treasury worked closely with the Department to release these funds.

The many people in the Department, who have worked with you and the Crow Tribe for so long to complete this Settlement, join me in celebrating this great milestone for the Tribe.

I look forward to seeing you this week.

Sincerely,

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